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SUBJECT: MBFR NUCLEAR ISSUES

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1. DURING INFORMAL CALL AT NGO APRIL 29,2258(73))
REITERATED TO SLOSS (P/M) AND EMBASSY OFFICER BRITISH
INTEREST IN HAGLNG FURTHER TRILATERAL TALKS WITH US A
FRG ON NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR. TICKELL SAID THAT
BRITISH
HAVE GIVEN GOOD DEAL OF THOUGHT TO DISCUSSIONS IN
WASHINGTON IN MARCH, AND SEE UTILITY IN A SECOND SESSION.
HE DID NOT SUGGEST POSSIBLE DATES. TICKELL NOTED THEH
BRITISH OFFICIALS HAVE PREPARED A DISCUSSION PAPER
COVERING SOME NEW FACETS OF FOLLOWING FAMILIAR TOPICS:
RECIPROCITY; OFCTICS; INCLUSION OF DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT;
AND PHASING. THIS PAPER IS BEING DISCUSSED TODAY WITH
GERMAN OFFICIALS IN LONDON. TICKELL PROMISED TO GIVE US
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A COPY OF THE PAPER AND GERMAN REACTIONS TO IT.

2. TICKELL STRESSED THAT THERE IS NO BRITISH GOVERNMENT POSITION AT THIS TIME ON NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR; PAPER REFERRED TO ABOVE IS LITERALLY A DISCUSSION PAPER WHICH SETS OUT PROS AND CONS OF ISSUES DISCUSSED UNDER FOUR TOPIC HEADINGS. IF NEW TRILATERALS WERE AGREED, TICKELL DID NOT SEE NEED TO HAVE FIRM GOVERNMENT POSITION; DISCUSSION WITHOUT COMMITMENT WOULD IN ITSELF BE BENEFICIAL.

3. SLOSS INDICATED THAT AT PRESENT TIME THERE WAS NOT MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR FURTHER TRILATERALS, NOTING CONCERN ABOUT FEELINGS OF OTHER NATO MEMBERS ABOUT PREVIOUS TALKS IN MARCH. HOWEVER, HE UNDERTOOK TO EXPLORE THE MATTER, AND INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING BRITISH PAPER AND HEARING GERMAN REACTIONS TO IT.

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